

# Kgalagadi language

**Kgalagadi** is one of the Bantu languages spoken in Botswana, along the South African border. It is spoken by about 40,000 people.<sup>[4]</sup> In the language, it is known as *Shekgalagari*.

## Classification

Kgalagadi (also rendered *Kgalagari*, *Kgalagarhi*, *Kgalagari*, *Khalagari*, *Khalakadi*, *Kxhalaxadi*, *Qhalaxarzi*, *Shekgalagadi*, *Shekgalagari*, *Kqalaqadi*) is most closely related to Tswana, and until recently was classified as a dialect of Tswana.<sup>[3]</sup>

Dialects include *Shengologa*, *Sheshaga*, *Shebolaongwe*, *Shelala*, *Shekhena*, *Sheritjhauba* and *Shekgwatheng*.

## Notes and references

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Kgalagadi	
Kalahari	
'SheKgalagadi	
<b>Native to</b>	Botswana
<b>Native speakers</b>	65,400 (2015) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	Niger–Congo
	▪ Atlantic–Congo
	▪ Benue–Congo
	▪ Southern Bantoid
	▪ Bantu
	▪ Sotho–Tswana
	▪ <b>Kgalagadi</b>
Language codes	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	xkv
<b>Glottolog</b>	kgal1244 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/kgal1244">http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/kgal1244</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>Guthrie code</b>	S.311 (ex-S.31d) <sup>[3]</sup>
<b>Linguasphere</b>	99-AUT-eh incl. varieties 99-AUT-eha to 99-AUT-ehc

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